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In Re Application Of: )  
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For: LOAD CELL DEFLASHER ASSEMBLY )  
AND METHOD ) Examiner:  
Serial No. 10/613,954 ) {unknown}  
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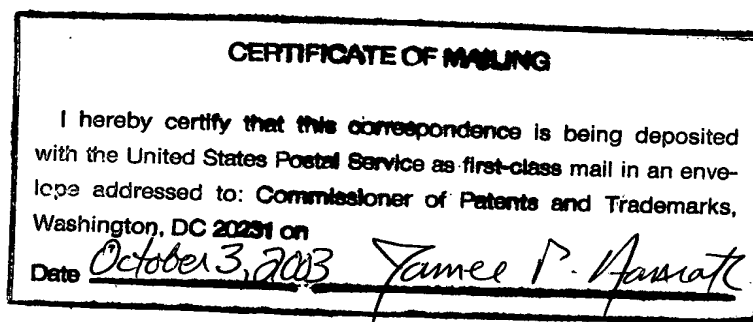
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**FILED UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98**

TO:  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 Applicants are submitting herewith (1) PTO Form 1449A listing the following references and (2) a copy of each reference listed below.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>
5,759,218	Martin, et al.
4,707,966	Weiler, et al.
4,671,763	Weiler
4,342,184	Van Eck, et al.
4,178,976	Weiler, et al.

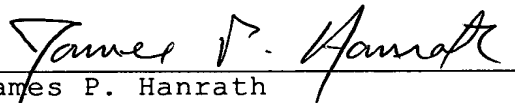


The foregoing U.S. Patents cited above are believed to be illustrative of background art pertaining to various embodiments of deflashing assembly operations, there being significant structural and functional distinctions between Applicants' pending claims and the same.

It is noted that pages 1 and 2 of Applicants' specification herein discusses conventional prior art punch to die stroke deflashers having non-reversible and non-sensitive hydraulic or pneumatic actuator controls.

Applicants submit that the claims pending in the application are patentably distinguished over the references and prior art punch to die stroke deflashers having non-reversible and non-sensitive hydraulic or pneumatic actuator controls for the reasons set forth in the subject patent application. Accordingly, upon examination of the claims, Applicants submit that they should be found in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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